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SUBJ: CURRENT STATUS OF USG ASSISTANCE TO AUTO DEFENSE

1. REQUEST IN THIS CHANNEL CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF USG ASSISTANCE TO PILOT AUTO DEFENSE PROJECT AS WELL AS MORE GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT GKR EFFORTS TO DEVELOP AUTO DEFENSE. YOUR ASSESSMENT NEEDED TO ENABLE US TO PREPARE FOR INTERAGENCY DECISION ON FUTURE USG ROLE, IF ANY, IN SUPPORTING AUTO DEFENSE AND ALSO IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL REVIEW OF US POLICY AND PROGRAMS IN CAMBODIA, WHICH PERHAPS WILL REACH THE SENIOR REVIEW GROUP FOR DECISION IN APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH.

2. YOUR AIRGRAM SERIES ON CONDITIONS IN THE PROVINCES HAS BEEN MOST USEFUL. SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS REQUESTED BELOW.

A. WHERE ARE USG- SUPPORTED AUTO DEFENSE VILLAGES LOCATED?

B. WHAT IS DOLLAR TOTAL TO DATE OF USG ASSISTANCE TO THESE VILLAGES?

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C. WHAT IS YOUR EVALUATION OF THE PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE EFFECTIVENESS OF USG ASSISTANCE BASED ON THIS SAMPLE OF VILLAGES?

D. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF GKR BUREAUCRATIC RIVALRIES CONCERNING AUTO DEFENSE?

E. HAS USG ASSISTANCE STIMULATED THE GKR TO DEVOTE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO THIS PROGRAM?

F. WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT JUDGMENT AS TO RELATIVE BENEFIT TO BE DERIVED FROM DIVERSION OF CAMBODIA MAP FUNDS FOR ASSISTANCE TO AUTO DEFENSE AS COMPARED TO USE OF SAME FUNDS FOR FANK? ASSUME THAT THERE WILL BE NO REPEAT NO INCREASE IN MAP SPECIFICALLY FOR AUTO DEFENSE.

G. IF A DECISION IS MADE TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND USG ASSISTANCE TO AUTO DEFENSE, DO YOU BELIEVE MEDTC HAS THE CAPACITY TO MANAGE OUR ASSISTANCE AS EFFECTIVELY AS POL/ MIL? ASSUME IMPENDING STAFFING CHANGES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.

3. WE ANTICIPATE THAT MANY OF THESE SAME QUESTIONS WILL BE POSED IN A JOINT STATE/ DEFENSE MESSAGE SOME TIME NEXT MONTH BUT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR VIEWS IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR INTERAGENCY DISCUSSIONS. RUSH

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